

NEGRO 'CON' MEN VISIT CITY

198 Persons Die In United States During Holiday

Automobiles, Grade Crossing Accidents Claim Many Lives

Warm Weather Responsible for Large Number of Cars on Highways

THE STATE TOLL IS 132 Auto Accidents and 1 Fatal Shooting Reported in Arkansas

(By Associated Press)

Accidental Christmas deaths numbered 198 or more, mostly due to automobile crashes on account of the unusually large number of automobiles drawn to the highways by the holiday and the comparatively warm weather.

Seven were killed in grade crossings accidents at Batavia, New York Friday and nine in a similar accident at Charlotte, N. C. early Saturday morning.

Arkansas Tolls

Automobiles and hunting accidents accounted for twelve casualties and disputes led to the killing of one man and the shooting of another in Arkansas Friday.

J. B. Polk, a farmer, was fatally shot at Stephens.

A coroner jury blamed this shooting on two negroes, Lewis Blake and his son.

Other Deaths

Saddest in the list of tragedies was the collision in which seven worshippers, five in one family, returning from a midnight mass were killed near Batavia, N. Y. when their automobile was struck by a train.

A youth taking his grandparents to a Christmas dinner in Oak Park, Ill., drove his automobile into the path of another train speeding Christmas celebrants to Chicago and the three were killed.

One celebrity, Estelle Taylor, motion picture actress and former wife of Jack Dempsey, one-time heavyweight champion, was a victim of an automobile collision in Hollywood, Calif., although her injuries were not serious.

Accidental gun wounds, heart disease and other accidents took 37 lives. Illinois suffered the heaviest in holiday automobile deaths with 18.

New York, with its septuple tragedy near Batavia, reported 6, New England had 11 motor accident deaths. The South 14, the Southwest six and the Middle West 25 exclusive of Illinois. Eleven others were killed in the east in addition to the New York and New England fatalities.

A 10-year-old Chicago boy succumbed from overtaxing his heart in dragging home a Christmas tree. An old time minstrel dancing a jig in Eastern Pennsylvania, also died of heart disease. Four persons drowned in Maine. Accidental gunshot wounds killed two persons in Idaho and Indiana. A two-year-old child in Kansas died with a piece of Christmas candy in its windpipe.

A 20-year-old mother in Wewoka, Okla., lighted the stove to prepare Christmas dinner for her three children. It exploded, burning her fatally and injuring the children.

Three holiday deaths from liquor, two in New England and one in Ohio were reported.

The engineer and fireman of the Southern Pacific's west coast limited died in their cab when the locomotive exploded near Richvale, Calif.

While mild weather prevailed in this country, Europe shivered from Russia to Spain. A storm from the Atlantic sank several fishing vessels off the Portuguese coast and ten lives were lost at sea. One Portuguese was found dead from exposure.

Suit Filed Against Little Rock Man

Damages of \$17,000 Is Sought Following Death in Auto Accident

PARIS, Ark.—(AP)—Suits asking a total of \$17,000 damages for the death of Alfred Freeman and injuries to Freeman's son-in-law, J. W. Martin, in an automobile accident here Wednesday night, were filed Saturday against A. W. Parke, Little Rock newspaperman.

The suits were filed by the widow and son-in-law.

Jury's hearing on a manslaughter charge is set for Monday.

Bulletins

PESHAWAR, India.—(AP)—Eight men, described as "Red Shirts" were killed and fifty wounded, near here when soldiers fired a riotous crowd here Saturday.

PARIS, Ark.—(AP)—A man slain at Booneville, Ark., Monday as the killer of Constable Mont Creekmore of this city, was identified by finger prints Saturday as Ace Varber, former Oklahoma convict.

VATICAN CITY.—(AP)—A call for a union of Protestants and Catholics the world over has been issued by Pope Pius, 11, Saturday in an encyclical entitled Lux Veritatis, meaning the light of truth.

Police Baffled in Search For Fiend

Basement Where Girl's Body Was Found Fails to Yield Clue

CINCINNATI.—(AP)—The investigation of the unsolved Marian McLean kidnapping and murder case struck low Friday.

Officers re-examined the tenement basement where the six-year-old girl's body was found Tuesday but failed to uncover a clue, which would hasten apprehension of her abductor.

The city chemist and his assistants spent the day making chemical analysis of contents found in the girl's stomach and examining dark spots on clothing which was found in a room of a man held for questioning. It may be one or two days, however, before the analysis is completed.

Meanwhile, preparations were completed for Marian's funeral, which will be held Saturday at Covington, Ky.

Mrs. Mildred McLean, mother of the little victim, spent a sad Christmas at the home of her brother, Joseph Daddens, Elmsboro, Ky., with whom she has made her home since the tragedy.

Joseph McLean, Marian's father, was reunited with his estranged wife Friday.

Stranded in Phoenix, Ariz., where he had sought work for 15 months, McLean was brought here in an American Airways plane to attend the funeral.

Parents Dying in Christmas Tragedy

Child Witnesses Hatchet Attack on Mother, Father Stabs Self

NEW YORK.—(AP)—While three small children played about a Christmas tree in the living room, John Bruno, 41, Friday struck his wife with a hatchet, police said, and then stabbed himself under the heart with a butcher knife.

Their oldest child, Armand, 8, witnessed the assault in the kitchen and ran screaming to summon neighbors.

Both Bruno and his wife, Josephine, 39, were said by physicians to be near death. Mrs. Bruno suffered a fractured skull.

Police said relatives attributed the assault and attempted suicide to Bruno's jealousy of his wife.

FLAPPER FANNY SAYS:



Model's stage star has barely succeeded.

Free Again



Mrs. Avonne Taylor Manville, above, former "Follies" beauty, is free again after a marriage of less than a year to Thomas F. Manville, Jr., heir to a \$10,000,000 share in the \$23,000,000 estate of the late founder of the John-Manville corporation. Mrs. Manville won her divorce decree at Campeche, Yucatan, Mexico. Manville has been divorced three times.

Christmas Party Is Huge Success

Between 700 and 800 Youngsters at City Hall Friday Night

Between 700 and 800 youngsters from every walk of life turned out joyously to Christmas night for the City of Hope's Christmas tree party at the city hall building.

Held along by 50 men—the salaried officers, employees and friends of the city government who personally paid for the party—the little tots marched through the lobby of the municipal building, got their individual presents from Santa Claus and fled joyously homeward.

The party started promptly at 7:30 o'clock Friday night, and shortly after 8 it was all over. Out of 800 packages of fruit, candy and trinkets, there were only a handful left.

Santa Claus was there in all his glory. One father who works in a local industrial plant, and has been employed only part-time, whispered in old Santa's ear that while his family had food to eat there wouldn't have been any "real Christmas" if it hadn't been for the city's Christmas party.

City officials thanked Talbot Field and many other non-official citizens who co-operated to make the Christmas party a success. Employees of the municipal water and light plant, lighted the tree, and city firemen patrolled the streets around the city hall while the party was in progress.

Christmas Storm Hits Los Angeles

Four Traffic Deaths, 222 Injuries; Flood Damage Reported

LOS ANGELES.—Collisions and automobile upsets in Friday's downpour resulted in four traffic deaths and a total of 222 traffic injuries, 10 of them probably fatal.

The holiday storm reared cyclonic fury at Sawtelle, where heavy wind wrecked garages, unroofed small buildings and uprooted trees. Heavy runoff of water washed out the supports of electric wire supports near the Washington and Brevard street intersection and the live wires fell spluttering into the streets. At other points live wires were blown down and several persons narrowly escaped electrocution.

Storm drains proved insufficient to carry off rain water in several areas. The water poured into basements and lapped over bungalow foundations. One house was undermined by water and caved in.

The rain turned the streets of Culver City, a suburb, into veritable rivers, two feet deep. Portions of Long Beach were inundated and rough water caused postponement of the Christmas celebration aboard the U. S. S. Nevada in the Navy anchorage at San Pedro until Saturday.

At San Luis Obispo, north of here, much of the town was flooded and Christmas calls were exchanged by town bus.

Capitalization of Federal Land Banks Will Be Increased

Additional Sum Is to Be Used in Postponements of Mortgages

WILL PASS SENATE

President Hoover Advocates Measure at Opening of Congress

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—A House bill to increase capitalization of Federal Land Banks by \$100,000,000 would be increased \$125,000,000 under a Senate banking sub-committee decision Saturday.

This added amount would be specially used for granting postponements on mortgage installments due from farmers.

Chairman Carey said the sub-committee would report on the measure favorably with this amendment.

Passage of the measure in the Senate is said to be certain.

It was recommended at the opening session of congress by President Hoover, and designed to strengthen land banks, thus facilitating credit to farmers.

Convicts Fighting Against Water

Mississippians Keep Christmas Despite Menacing Waters

CLARKSDALE, Miss.—(AP)—Residents of the flooded delta country in Northwest Mississippi Friday hung out their holly wreaths and sang Christmas carols as hundreds of convicts and volunteer citizens fought to strengthen levees barely holding the Tallahatchee river in its bounds.

With backwater flowing through the streets of Glendora and Summer, scores did their Christmas visiting in skiffs, singing as they rowed from house to house, and the Summer postmaster delivered mail and packages in motorboats after the water flooded the post office floor.

Superintendent J. W. Williamson of Parchman penitentiary, who rushed 200 convicts into the danger zone for levee work predicted the dikes before Summer and Glendora would hold, although the Tallahatchee river still was rising at the rate of 2-tenths of a foot every 24 hours and swollen Cusidly bayous, fed by the Tallahatchee, presented an additional menace to the section.

One of the Bayou Cassidy levees broke Thursday night near Summer and a serious inundation was halted by quick work of the sandbag crews from the penitentiary.

There were reports of some resentment among the convicts when they were ordered to the levees on Christmas Day, but after the superintendent had arranged for shifts from Parchman prison where an extra large dinner was prepared, the prisoners went to work philosophically, enjoying Christmas in relays.

With the main fight against further damage centered in the Glendora-Summer sector, relief workers continued to travel flooded highways in boats to bring food and other necessities to marooned families driven to higher ground from their lowland farms when backwater from rivers and a series of cloudbursts flooded thousands of acres in the delta. Many farm families spent Christmas in temporary refuge camps.

There have been several reports of loss of life among negro farm tenants, but none has been confirmed.

Dr. J. B. Biles, Summer, who toured the section, said he had found no acute suffering as a result of the backwater flood but that food shortage might present a serious situation unless the water subsides.

The section was favored with fair and warm weather Friday.

The flood threat in North Louisiana appeared no worse. High levees protect this sector.

Hempstead County Man Faces Liquor Charges

Forney Elder, recently arrested at his home in the north part of the county, in a series of liquor raids by local officers was taken to Texarkana Saturday morning to face Federal charges.

A charge of possession and one of having whisky for sale were placed against Elder.

Band in the two cases was set at \$100.

Much Curiosity, Little Mourning



Curious neighborhood women, loungers-by, children, stood in the rain to see the body of Jack Diamond carried in a plain wooden coffin from the home of his wife's sister in Queens to burial in unconsecrated ground at Mt. Olivet Cemetery nearby. Only a scant handful of friends stood by the widow or paid any tribute to the murdered racketeer.

Winston Erwin Is Shot By Companion

Accidental Shooting Occurs Shortly After Noon Saturday

Winston Erwin, aged about 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Erwin, who live near Hope, was painfully injured shortly after noon Saturday at the home of his brother, Earl Erwin, 7 miles east of here, when a double barrel shotgun in the hands of Arthur Zimmerly, was accidentally discharged, the load striking Erwin in the hip.

He was rushed to the Julia Chester hospital. A physician reported finding where 32 shots had entered the boy's thigh.

Zimmerly is a son of Dr. and Mrs. C. P. Zimmerly of Hope.

Attendees at the hospital report that although the wounds were painful they were not necessarily dangerous.

Fincher Will Be Given New Store

Montgomery Ward Manager to Be Placed in Another City

Santa Claus remembered D. E. Fincher, manager of the local Montgomery Ward store, on Christmas Eve, with a letter from the general manager of the retail stores, advising him that he would be retained by the company at the same salary even though the Hope store was closing.

This was the first word he had received as to what disposition would be made of his services, since he was asked to start preparations for closing the store more than two weeks ago. In this Christmas letter he was advised he would be given a temporary place in one of the other stores, in a subordinate capacity, at his present salary; and as soon as a vacancy occurred he would be given the management of another store.

Other employees of this store did not fare so well, although some of them have been with the organization since it opened here August 1, 1929. All of them are local people, many of whom have become unusually proficient in retail merchandising including all of its modern aspects, according to Mr. Fincher.

The company wishes to take with it those who are unusually well fitted for its retail stores, according to Mr. Fincher. But many of these people may not care to leave their homes here. Buell Holt has occupied the place of senior department head, and acting assistant manager for more than a year. J. K. Green has been a valuable employee, in charge of the radio and furniture departments for more than a year.

Ruby McKee has been in the tire and auto accessory departments since the store opened, with complete charge for the past year. Miss Sybil Wilson and Mrs. L. N. Garner have also been with the store since the opening, the former in the furniture department, and Mrs. Garner in piece goods. Miss Geneva Thomas has had charge of the office for more than a year, with unusual records for efficiency and accuracy, according to Mr. Fincher.

Mr. Fincher came to Hope January 1, 1931, to assume charge of the store. He was accompanied by Mrs. Fincher and their son, D. Wayne. They have made many friends while here.

Mail Pilot Leaps as Wing Crumbles

Just Another Day's Work for Flier Who Rode Plane Down

CLEVELAND.—(AP)—Another day's work done, Jimmy Johnson enjoyed Christmas at home with his family here Friday.

Thursday Johnson rode his crippled plunging mail plane down 12,000 feet before taking to his parachute, bringing to an even dozen the number of air mail pilots who have been forced to leap for their life over "hell's stretch" in the snowshoe mountains of Pennsylvania.

Several of that daring dozen who flew the Cleveland-New York mail never came out to tell the story of their crash.

But Johnson did. His first intimation of danger, he said, came when he heard a sound "like the smashing of a box" and saw his left wing hurtle off into space.

"My head must have been thrown against the side of the cockpit with enough force to daze me, for although I could pull the throttle back, I wasn't able to locate the switch."

"As we entered the clouds (at 13,500 feet) the other wing let go. I still wasn't able to locate the switch and told myself that I had better be getting out. I tried to unfasten the catch of my safety belt, but somehow my hands wouldn't respond."

Just how I got the belt open I don't know, but people on the ground told me afterward that they saw the wingless fuselage come out of the clouds 2000 feet off the ground and that I was just getting out. The fuselage was rolling over and over and centrifugal force must have shot me out like a bullet when I finally managed to release the catch.

"The wind drifted my parachute to a landing in a farmer's field about a mile from where the plane crashed. The farmer wished me a 'Merry Christmas.' He said I had it coming."

"But anyway, 'the mail wasn't harmed.'"

Negro Robs Lost Prairie Merchant

\$25 Taken by Bandit in Holdup; Saws Through Screen to Enter

TEXARKANA.—Joe Vanderbilt, proprietor of a small store at Lost Prairie, 20 miles east of Texarkana, was held up and robbed of \$25 early Wednesday night by a negro bandit.

Vanderbilt came to the city immediately after the robbery and was accompanied to his home by officers who conducted a wide search for the negro.

The robbery was perpetrated in the living room of Vanderbilt's home which adjoins the store. The negro had entered the room through a window after sawing through a screen. He was in the act of rifling several drawers when interrupted by Vanderbilt.

As the store owner entered the room, the negro turned upon him with a pistol, ordering him to give up his money. About \$20 of the loot was taken from a cash box and the remaining \$5 from Vanderbilt's pockets.

The victim was then marched back into the store and required to turn his back while the negro backed out and dashed away. Vanderbilt described the bandit as being about 25 years of age, wearing overalls and a light cap. He said he had never seen the negro in that locality before.

Receiver Is Asked For Abstract Co.

James R. Henry Asks Dis-solution of Local Corporation

Lloyd Spencer of Hope was named receiver for the Hempstead County Abstract company by Chancellor C. E. Johnson at a receivership hearing held Saturday in Texarkana.

A petition for receivership and dissolution of the Hempstead County Abstract company has been filed by James R. Henry, principal stockholder, in Hempstead chancery court, according to a legal publication in The Star today.

Mr. Henry, represented by Lemley & Lemley, attorneys, alleges that the corporation is insolvent and unable to continue its business. The petition requests the appointment of a receiver with power to dispose of the corporation's assets.

Hempstead County Abstract company does a general insurance and abstract business.

Batesville Farmer Held After Fight

Lewis Kirkland Shot and Wounded Seriously During Altercation

BATESVILLE.—Lewis Kirkland, aged 22, is in a Batesville Hospital in a serious condition and Sid Reaves, 40, farmer, is being held pending the outcome of Kirkland's wounds following a fight at a sign shop here Friday.

Reaves shot Kirkland through the abdomen with a pistol when Reaves told officers, Kirkland advanced on him with a chair as Reaves was attempting to whip his son.

Kirkland was operated on for the removal of the bullet and physicians said his condition is serious. Reaves surrendered to the sheriff and was released under bond.

Reaves already was being held to the grand jury on a charge of assault with intent to kill in connection with the stabbing of Raymond Wilson about December 1. Wilson has recovered.

Two Youths Shot Near Clarksville

One Reported in Serious Condition, While Other Loses Hand

CLARKSVILLE.—Ernest Lee McDaniels, aged 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McDaniels, residing just east of the city limits, was shot with a 22 caliber rifle Friday afternoon while he and a companion, Toliver Park, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Park, also 13, were hunting.

The Park youth had laid the gun down and when he picked it up, it accidentally was discharged, the bullet striking the McDaniels boy under the left eye, ranging downward. The youth was brought to a hospital here where it is said that the wound is serious.

Burleigh King, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter King of Harbony, eight miles northwest of here, was shot accidentally in the right hand while hunting Friday afternoon. He was brought to the Johnson County hospital where it was found necessary to amputate his hand above the wrist.

Roll Stage Money Is Flashed; Many Are Taken to Jail

Faye Negim Robbed Friday Night by White Bandit

ONE AUTO IS MISSING

Lion Oil Salesman Bounced and Gagged by Car "Trader"

Hope and Hempstead county officers had a variety of experiences Christmas Eve, Christmas day, and early Saturday.

Two carloads of visiting negroes worked a confidence game on a local negro woman.

Two automobiles were stolen from white men, and only one was recovered.

One of the car owners was bound and gagged at a gasoline station, while the bandit switched automobiles with him and drove away.

A local cafe man going home on Christmas night was stopped at his doorstep by a robber who lifted \$37.50 in cash and escaped.

But there was only one arrest for drunkenness—and the net loss on a lot of police activity was really of money and a small amount of automobile.

Negro Confidence Game. The chief humor of the day was furnished by a parcel of high-brow negroes from Hollywood, Calif., who rode around town in a brilliant sport car early this week. Three men and a woman occupied the car.

"They came to the attention of the police when Mary Jamison, wife of Buster Jamison, local negro farmer, complained: 'The visiting negroes flaked her of a "couple hundred dollars."'

As the story went, the Jamisons, a man had a considerable amount of cash at his home, and one of the Hollywood negroes met her uptown on Hope Thursday. One of his men companions walked up to meet her, glancing down on the sidewalk "discovered" a large roll of bills. "Ladies, see what we fun found this Christmas Eve," said the newcomer. The three proceeded to divide the money, but when it became necessary to make change for the larger denomination, the Jamison woman returned home and got her cash money."

In the windup, she was left with the original roll of "bills" found on the sidewalk—and when this turned out to be nothing but stage money, she went to police with her story.

What a Carload! Officers found that a second carload of negroes, driving a tan-colored automobile with a Texas license, was associated with the first crowd, and all of them were placed under arrest. However, the Jamison woman failed to prosecute, and recommended they discharge Friday—Christmas day. Police said that a shake-down of the negro cars revealed 20 pairs of shoes, several hack saws and a bundle of stage money.

A Mr. Wood, traveling man for the Lion Oil Refining company, was tied up at the Lion's bulk station on the Frisco tracks at 7 a. m. Saturday, robbed of one dollar in cash, and lost his car. He had been driving a Ford sedan, Arkansas license 80-082, with a North Little Rock city license tag. The bandit took this car and left in his place a Whippet four-door sedan, license No. 27-329, and drove away to the north.

Out-of-town friends visiting A. A. Brown of this city found that their car vanished from in front of Mr. Brown's residence Friday night; but it was recovered by city police on Third street later in the night.

Faye Negim, operator of Taylor's cafe on East Second street, was robbed of \$37.50 by a white bandit who stopped him at his own doorstep Friday night. There was no trace of the bandit, although officers investigated the case.

Seven Injured as Car Strikes Wagon

Three Children in Serious Condition Following Collision Near Clarksville

CLARKSVILLE.—Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Robinson, their three children and John Turner were injured at 6 Friday night when the wagon in which they were riding was struck by an automobile driven by Ewell Qualls of Montana. The accident occurred five miles west of Clarksville on Highway No. 64.

The accident victims were brought to the Johnson County hospital. The children, aged four, six and nine, are said to be injured seriously. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson are bruised and cut. Mr. Turner suffered an injured back.

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The Star's Platform

CITY

Apply the revenues of the municipal power plant to develop the
 industrial and social resources of Hope.
 Move city pavement in 1931, and improved sanitary conditions in
 the city and business back-roads.
 Support the Chamber of Commerce.

COUNTY

A county highway program providing for the construction of a
 certain amount of all-weather road each year, to gradually reduce the
 highway mileage.
 Political and economic support for every scientific agricultural
 program, which offers practical benefits to Hempstead county's greatest
 industry.

Encourage farmer organizations, believing that co-operative effort
 is beneficial to the country as it is in town.

STATE

Continued progress on the state highway program.
 Efficient tax reform, and a more efficient government through the
 budget system of expenditures.
 Free Arkansas from the cattle tick.

The Origin of Life

LIFE on earth may have originated in nothing more com-
 plicated than puddles of warm rain-water millions of
 years ago, according to an article by Dr. Assar Hadding,
 Swedish geologist, in the annual report of the Smithsonian
 Institution.

It probably happened, says Dr. Hadding, in the polar
 regions, where the earth first cooled enough to permit water
 to condense on the surface. These pools would have been
 slightly salty, and conditions for the development of an organic
 cell would have been favorable.

All of this, probably, is about as close to the truth of the
 matter as we can get with our present knowledge. But the
 funny thing about it is that no matter how hard we try, we
 cannot make the whole business seem at all real.

We can believe it, of course. Anyone who is moderately
 familiar with science will agree that that, or something like
 it, was probably the beginning of life on this planet. But
 somehow it doesn't seem to get us anywhere. Our belief, like
 the primordial puddles themselves, is lukewarm and slightly
 salty.

Long before we have traced our ancestry back that far
 we get more or less dizzy. Science, entreating us to accept the
 obvious truth, takes us far beyond our proper depth. We
 cannot form any mental picture of things. We cannot really
 convince ourselves that those splashy mud-puddles of the
 infinite past contained the seeds of all of the intellect and all
 of the kindness and all of the love and all of the beauty that are
 in the world today.

That, very likely, is the fault of our imperfect brains.
 But it does indicate that the eternal mystery which enshrouds
 all human life is not in the least lessened by the careful
 explanations of the scientists. They try to lift it, but when they
 get through it is as heavy, as impenetrable and as magical
 as ever.

And that, in turn, is very good for us. The statement
 that we cannot live by bread alone means, among other things,
 that our minds must have room to roam about unfettered.
 The frontiers before and behind us are still unexplored, in
 spite of the wise men. Their tales about what lies beyond do
 not convince us.

Stamp Collector's Stunt

THE stamp collector is a man apart, and he occasionally is
 unable to spot the ridiculousness of a given situation.
 That, at least, seems to be the explanation of the plans re-
 cently announced whereby a special delivery of mail is to be
 made—via airplane and deep-sea divers—to the decks of the
 sunken liner Lusitania.

A special pouch of letters will be flown from Ireland to
 the decks of the salvage ship sometime next spring. The let-
 ters will be taken down to the Lusitania, brought to the
 surface again, and forwarded back to their senders. To trans-
 mit a letter on this unique circuit will cost each sender one
 dollar.

Probably it would be thrilling to own a stamp that had
 been to the bottom of the sea and back. But to anyone but a
 confirmed stamp collector, this stunt must look more than a
 little silly. A more supremely useless bit of human en-
 deavor would be hard to imagine.

Pepping Up Congressional Record

CONGRESSMAN John J. Boylan of New York believes that
 the Congressional record is too dull and fails to present a
 fair and complete picture of the doings of the national legis-
 lature. So, in a resolution introduced the other day, he asks
 Congress to decide if pictures, cartoons and the like couldn't
 be printed in the government's august magazine.

That the Record is dull is perfectly true. But there is a
 much quicker and easier way of reducing some of the dull-
 ness, and that is to do away with the extension-of-remarks
 business which now clutters it up. Any congressman can have
 a long, windy and excessively uninteresting speech inserted
 in the Record without ever going to the trouble of delivering
 it. He can never insert such parenthetical comments as
 (laughter) and (applause) wherever he chooses.

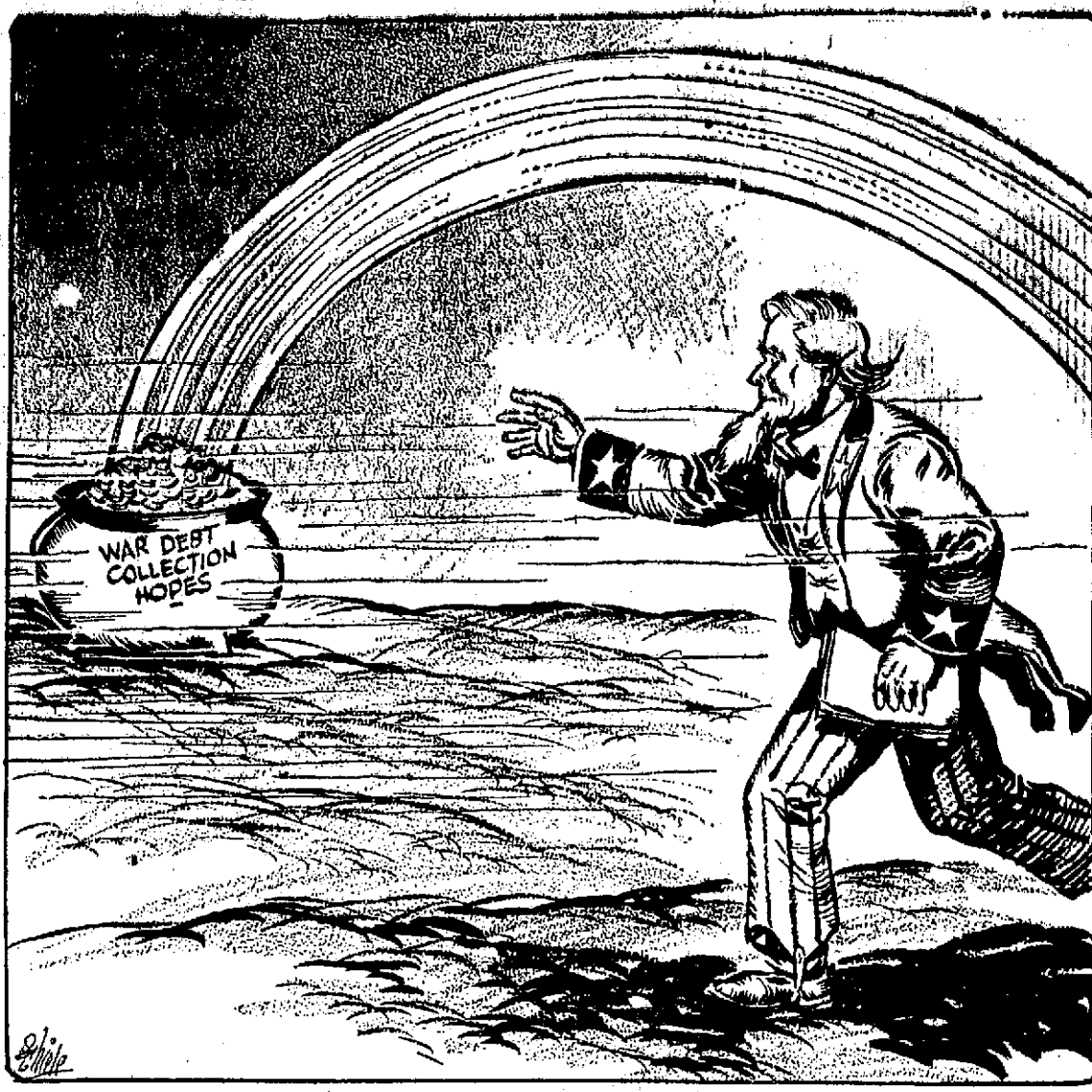
If the Record could be confined strictly to things actual-
 ly said on the floors of the two houses it would be vastly im-
 proved. Let Mr. Boylan give it a thought before a photo-
 engraving outfit is got ready.

Luxury of War

JAPAN seems to be on the verge of discovering that modern
 warfare, even when it is conducted against a hopelessly in-
 ferior opponent, is apt to be an extremely expensive luxury.
 To drop the gild standard is to admit pressing financial
 difficulties. That Japan's financial difficulties are directly
 connected with her militaristic spree in Manchuria can hardly
 be denied. The moral is rather obvious.

From a military standpoint, Japan has hardly any op-
 position in Manchuria. She is "winning the war" on the
 battlefields in fine style. At home, however, she seems to be
 losing it.

Is He Just Chasing Rainbows?



Days of Yore

From the files of
 Washington Telegraph

Eighty-five Years Ago.

THE COTTON CROP: Evidence of
 an unmistakable and most reliable
 character continue daily to develop
 themselves fully sustaining the num-
 erous accounts heretofore given of
 a diminished yield of cotton. The de-
 ficiency amounts to 118,000 bales,
 enough to "convince every one of the
 serious shortness of the crop. We are
 no short crop croaker, but that the
 wolf has come this time, there can
 be no doubt whatever.

MORE VOLUNTEERS: Texas has
 been called upon for a regiment of
 cavalry to serve during the war with
 Mexico.

The Washington Lyceum will debate
 the following question on next Wed-
 nesday night at early candle light:
 "Was the execution of Mary Queen
 of Scots, justifiable?" The public is
 respectfully invited to attend. J. A. L.
 PURDOM, Secretary.

THE WIND WAGON: The last In-
 dependent Expositor (Santa Fe) is in
 fits about the success of a newly in-
 vented wind wagon, which by the
 byes, if it works as well as stated, will
 be of no small consequence in the
 prairie country. Mr. Thomas, the in-
 ventor, is said to have run about in
 a light breeze, at the rate of eight
 miles an hour, and he has reached
 twenty. The wagon has a wheel
 twelve feet in diameter and one foot
 broad. It is ship rigged, carries
 ballast, may be made of any size, and
 the inventor guarantees to run a line
 of them and carry passengers.

Washington Locals

Sunday School Class Party
 The combined Sunday school classes
 of Mrs. I. L. Pilkinton and Miss Kath-
 ryn Holt of the Presbyterian church,
 were guests at a party at the home of
 Mrs. Pilkinton Monday night. Each
 member of the classes was allowed to
 bring one additional guest. About 30
 persons were present.

Family Reunion
 A very happy event of the past Sun-
 day was the family reunion dinner
 given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.

The dining room was very beauti-
 fully decorated, the Christmas colors
 being portrayed with holly, bamboo
 and Christmas bells. One of the sur-
 prise features of the occasion was the
 beautifully decorated birthday cake
 for Tom G. Haynes, this being his
 birthday.

Covers were laid for the following
 out-of-town guests: Dr. and Mrs. I.
 H. Garner and daughter Clara; Mrs.
 Alice of Nashville; Mrs. Minnie Hay-
 nes, of Camden; Mrs. S. E. McPherson
 of Hope, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Haynes
 and daughter Mary Margaret, Miss
 Imogene Robinson and Sayle Smith,
 of this city.

Everyone enjoyed sitting "by the
 fire" and telling stories of days
 gone by, and each departed expressing
 himself of having had a good time and
 hoping to have many more happy re-
 unions.

Mrs. B. A. Hartsfield, of Seminole,
 Oklahoma, arrived Saturday and is
 visiting her mother and sister, Mrs.
 Kate Holt and Mrs. Lee A. Holt.
 Misses Agatha and Octavia Bullard,
 students in the Magnolia A. & M. col-
 lege, are spending Christmas with
 their mother.

Mrs. T. Y. Williams is spending the
 holidays in El Dorado with her daugh-
 ter, Mrs. C. N. Trimble and family.
 Mr. and Mrs. Crit Stuart and family
 are spending the week-end in Selma,
 La., guests of Mrs. Stuart's mother,
 Mrs. Davis.

Miss Mary Leonard who is a stu-
 dent in Henderson State Teachers
 College, Arkadelphia, is spending the
 holidays with her parents, Rev. and
 Mrs. J. L. Leonard.

Mrs. S. E. McPherson, of Hope, vis-
 ited her mother, Mrs. A. P. Bailey the
 first part of the week.

Mrs. Hulma Hester, of Jackson,
 Miss., and her mother, Mrs. Charles
 Bryant, of Hope, were guests of Mrs.
 A. P. Bailey and Mrs. W. R. Pruitt
 Saturday.

Sheppard

We are having quite a bit of rain,
 the creeks are overflowed and those
 that haven't got out their corn and
 cotton are up against it.
 W. L. Cornelius is better at this
 writing and his grandson is well
 again.

Dr. Smith, and Dr. Bearden of Am-
 arillo, Tex., were the Sunday night
 guests of Walter Cornelius, they en-

tertained quite a few with music and
 song.

Our school closed Friday the 18th
 for Christmas, the teachers entertain-
 ing the children with a Christmas tree.
 Hugh Gilbert of Washington was
 visiting in Sheppard Sunday.

Debert Taylor called to see Miss
 Lillie Maud McBay Sunday.
 J. W. McBay and family to Ashridge

We wish everyone a Very Prosperous
 New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. McBay and daughter,
 were shopping in Hope Saturday.
 Mrs. W. L. Cornelius and son, Roy,
 were shopping in Hope Thursday.

Debert Taylor called to see Miss
 Lillie Maud McBay Sunday and they
 went to Guernsey to the bronco rid-
 ing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben McBay of Battle
 Field are spending a few days with
 his father, J. W. McBay.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie McBay of Bat-
 tle Field are visiting in Sheppard.
 Some folks are killing hogs despite
 the rainy weather.

We Sheppard folks sure enjoy the
 Hope Star. We long to see it still a
 better paper.

We wish everyone a very prosperous
 New Year.

Mt. Moriah

Miss Thelma Biddle, who has been
 suffering with tonsillitis is shrid
 Sidney Fairchild, student of Mag-
 nolia A. & M. college, arrived home
 last Friday to spend the Christmas
 holidays.

Married: Paul Deardner and Miss
 Ethyl Stone, Sunday, December 20.
 Their many friends wish them a happy
 and prosperous life.

Misses Denver and Alice Fuller were
 Saturday night guests of Miss Bonnie
 Doray.

Arllis Cross of Magnolia A. & M. col-
 lege arrived Friday to spend the
 Christmas holidays with home folks.

Miss Marilla Taylor spent Saturday
 night with Miss Virginia Greene.
 Delma Tomlin and Altit Edwards
 were their regular call to Rosston
 Sunday afternoon.

Misses Floy and Florine Gentry of
 Cale are visiting their aunt, Mrs.
 Henry Edwards.

Virginia and Weston Greene visited
 the school at Rosston Tuesday.
 Laneburg Central school closed last
 Friday for the Christmas holidays.

Earle Hart was a visitor in the home
 of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Greene Sun-
 day afternoon.

Misses Inez Fuller and Norma Stone
 were the guests of Thelma Biddle
 Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Ingram visited
 Mr. Ingram's parents of Laneburg
 Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lowe of Cale
 were the Sunday guests of Mrs. Lowe's
 parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller.

Miss Gertrude Smith was the week
 end guest of Miss Delphia Cross.
 Mrs. Robert Fuller was called Sat-
 urday, to the bedside of her mother,
 Mrs. Marian Hart of Caney, who is
 seriously ill.

Weston Greene was a visitor in the
 home of Mr. and Mrs. O. Y. Darby
 Sunday.

Miss Alicia Fuller of Cale was the
 guest of Denver Fuller Saturday.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wooley called
 on Mr. and Mrs. Buck White Tuesday
 night.

Melrose No. 2

Prayer meeting and preaching was
 well attended. Everyone came back
 next Sunday night to prayer meeting.
 Albert Coleman of Arden is visiting
 friends and relatives here.

Dr. and Mrs. C. P. Zimmerman and
 little son, Garnett, are visiting friends
 and relatives at Urbana and other
 Illinois points.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sparks and chil-
 dren of Boughton spent the week end
 with relatives here. They were ac-
 companied home by Miss Dorothy
 Sparks.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Jones of Hope,
 called on Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Oglesby
 Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Easterling
 and children spent Sunday with Mr.
 and Mrs. A. R. Newberry.

Of 214 flocks of chickens on which
 records were kept in Ohio this year
 19 lost money.

Hinton

Health is not so good at the present
 time. Several are on the sick list this
 week. We wish each and every one
 a quick recovery.

We all hope everyone had a Merry
 Christmas and wish for them a Happy
 New Year.

Luie Bearden has returned to his
 home in this community after spend-
 ing several days visiting at Stamps.

Miss Opal Green of Patmos spent
 the week end with Miss Beatrice
 Remby of this community.

Mrs. Maggie Miller called on Mrs.
 J. Hueft of Patmos, Saturday after-
 noon.

Singing at this place Sunday night
 was well attended. Some fine singing
 was heard. Everyone came back each
 Sunday night. Also remember singing
 at Patmos each Friday night.

T. Z. Gibson, Jim Simmons, John T.
 Smith, T. R. and George Gibson were
 Hope visitors Monday.

Mrs. D. Bill of McNeil was a pleas-
 ant caller at Mrs. John T. Smith's
 Monday afternoon.

Other Mullins and Curtis Dorman
 of Bodew No. 1, were present callers
 at John T. Smith's home Monday of
 last week.

Our Christmas program was omitted
 on account of bad weather.

Mrs. D. Bell is visiting her sister,
 Mrs. Nora Odum this week.

John P. Odum spent Monday night
 with his son H. D. Odum.

Wright's Chapel

We are certainly glad to see the
 sun shining once more, after so much
 rain.

Carrol Parson was a visitor of his
 brother, John Parson, of near Blevins
 Sunday.

Enoch Worthey and William Worm-
 ington made a business trip to Hope
 Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Lumpkins were
 visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Sut-
 ton Sunday afternoon.

J. C. Sutton and Fred Sutton were
 in Hope Saturday.

Bob Askew was the Sunday dinner
 of Mr. and Mrs. William Wormington.
 Several of this place attended
 preaching at Jaka Jones, Monday
 night.

Rive Gray is visiting his brother
 Tom Gray.

Green Laseter

Joe Tolbie spent the Christmas holi-
 days in Conway.

Miss Faye Turner spent Sunday with
 Miss Bernice Baker.

Mrs. Minnie Collier and children,
 Tom and Mary Lou, are spending the
 Christmas holidays with relatives in
 Little Rock.

Mrs. Mary Putman spent Friday
 afternoon with her daughter, Mrs.
 Raymond Ross, of Shover Springs,
 and attended the program.

Ray Cumble of Hope, was the din-
 ner guests of home folks Sunday.

Mrs. Earl Ross is in the Josephine
 hospital for an operation. We hope
 for her speedy recovery.

Cecil Wood of Oak Grove, spent
 a while Monday morning with J. T.
 Cumble, Jr.

Sweet Home Items

Rev. Arnold, the new Methodist pas-
 tor for this place, preached here Sun-
 day and Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Yarberry spent
 Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar
 Montgomery.

Mrs. Mollie Wilson and Mrs. Willie
 Hasky and daughter, Ola Mae, Dora
 and Ardin, were pleasant callers at
 the home of Mrs. H. M. McCain, Sat-
 urday afternoon.

W. L. McDougald went to Blevins
 Sunday evening to hear Bro. John W.
 Slater.

Mr. and Mrs. All Thompson and
 family of Blevins visited Mr. and Mrs.
 J. A. Husky Sunday.

Lost Prairie

The singing given by Mr. and Mrs.
 Fred McBay Sunday night was en-
 joyed by a large crowd.

Mrs. Annie Vickers spent Sunday
 with Mrs. Callie McBay of this place.
 Mr. and Mrs. Demmitt McCurr are
 visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sim-
 on McCurr of this place.

Lon Ellenburg of near Garland City
 was the dinner guest of Tom Vick-
 ers Monday.

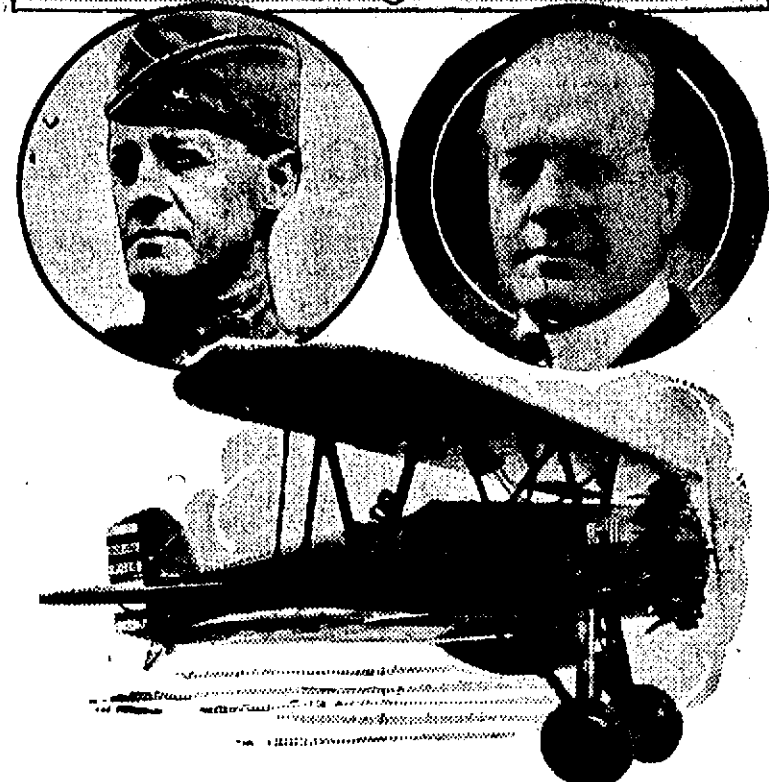
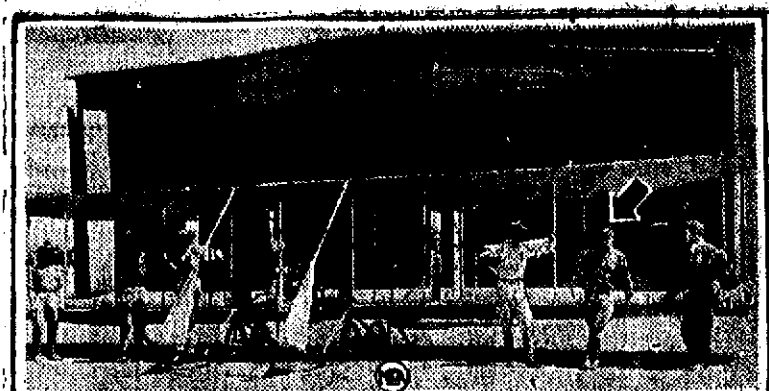
Mr. and Mrs. Phil Harvel of near
 Texarkana are visiting her sister, Mrs.
 Cecil McBay, here.

Mrs. Vold Wormington spent Tues-
 day afternoon with her aunt, Mrs.
 Fannie Morgan of this place.

Miss Jewell McBay and Mrs. Ruby
 Hughes spent Monday afternoon with
 Mrs. Altie Ratliff.

Dan McCurr and mother, Mr. and
 Mrs. Demmitt McCurr called to see
 Mr. and Mrs. Vold Wormington a
 while Monday night.

Army's First Birdman Is New Air Chief



Brigadier General Benjamin D. Foulois, who becomes chief of the U. S.
 Army Air Corps this month, flew the first and only plane the government
 owned when he joined the air division "way back in 1903. The upper picture
 shows General Foulois (indicated by arrow) standing beside the crane-like
 plane with which he broke records two decades ago. It is a far cry from the
 army's study, compact fighting ships of today like the one shown below. In
 the center is the general, left, as he appeared when war-time chief of the
 American war birds in France, and, at right, as he is today.

Laneburg

Guess everyone is glad to see the
 sunshine after so much rain.

Health in this community is very
 good at present.

Sadie and Sylvia Easterling spent
 Monday night with Mrs. Goutch.

The Christmas program given by
 Central primary school was very
 interesting and enjoyed by all.

Mac McGregor and sister, Edna,
 were week end guests of Misses Nora
 and Helen Hazzard. They returned
 home Tuesday. Nora, Helen and
 Powell will spend Christmas with
 them at their home in Bryson Tex.

We are sorry to lose Eddie Hart and
 family from our community. They
 have moved to the Powell place at
 Rocky Mount.

John Thomas Andrews of Prescott is
 visiting, Mr. and Mrs. Lenard Glass. (Elen
 Almond returned home Friday
 from Taylor where she spent a few
 days with his uncle, Holly Almond.)

George Wooley has been suffering
 from a crushed foot, caused by a log
 wagon running over it.

Alvis Hazzard and wife are moving
 out this week on Newton Landers
 place near Emmet.

Shover Springs

Health continues good here. We are
 glad to report that Mrs. Rugles is able
 to be up again.

The continued rains have sure got-
 ten some bad mud holes in our roads.

School closed for the holidays here
 last Friday with a nice program ren-
 dered by the children, followed by the
 unleading of a nice Christmas tree.

Mr. Wray whose family lived here
 moved with his family the past week
 to Broken Bow, Okla.

A nice time was enjoyed by the
 children and kindred at the home of
 Mr. and Mrs. John Reece last Sun-
 day in celebration of their golden
 wedding anniversary. Several nice
 presents being given.

Hobson Aaron returned home last
 Saturday night from his sister's in
 Alabama, where he has been going
 to school.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Garner and chil-
 dren of Patmos visited Sunday at the
 home of L. E. Darvin.

Oliver Moss and family of Kansas
 City is visiting Mrs. Moss.

Mrs. Darwin and children were din-
 ner guests Sunday of Mrs. Moss.

Granville Darwin and wife of Hous-
 ton, Texas, are spending the holidays
 with relatives at this place.

We take this way of wishing one
 and all and especially the Star and
 its force a prosperous New Year.

New Liberty

Health in this community is fairly
 good at this writing, except little
 Winnie Crider is suffering with a
 cold.

Tommy Glanton spent last Friday
 with Joe Hamilton.

We certainly have had a lot of rain,
 the roads are almost impassable.

SOCIETY NEWS

Mrs. Sid Henry

Telephone 321

Once in awhile the sun shines out, And the arching skies are a perfect blue;
Once in awhile 'mid clouds of doubt Hope's brightest stars come peeping through,
Our paths lead down by the meadows fair,
Where the sweetest blossoms nod and smile,
And we lay aside our cross of care Once in awhile,
Once in awhile within our own, We clasp the hand of a steadfast friend;
Once in awhile within our own, Of love with the heart's own voice to blend;
And the dearest of all our dreams come true,
And on life's way is a golden mile; Each thrilling flavor is kissed with dew
Once in awhile.—Selected.

Mrs. W. L. Purkins and Miss Marie Purkins have as holiday guests, Mr. and Mrs. David Purkins and baby of Warren and Major and Mrs. Edward Woodford and little daughter, Nancy of Little Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Haynes and Mrs. Jennie Hanegan had as Christmas guests, Mr. and Mrs. Neely Black and son of Shreveport and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Black and son, of Houston, Tex.

Comer Rounton of Ouchitla College, Arkadelphia, is spending the holidays visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Rounton.

Mr. Rupert Blakely and children of Little Rock arrived Saturday for a visit with Mrs. L. E. Singleton and her relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Montgomery and son, James of Texarkana, are holiday guests of Mrs. M. A. Holt and her relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Cornelius entertained at a family Christmas dinner on Friday at their home on South Fulton street. The dining table was beautifully decorated in the yuletide colors of red and green and a most scrumptious turkey dinner was served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Otis Parks and family of Fulton, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Parks and family of McNamee, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lawrence of Texarkana and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cornelius of McKamee and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. King and family.

Benjamin Haynes of Ouchitla College, Arkadelphia, is spending the holiday vacation visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Haynes.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haynes and family were 6 o'clock dinner guests of relatives in Bouton on Friday.

Paul I. Hinant has as holiday guest, Mack Anderson of Magnolia. Mr. Anderson is a senior in the State University at Fayetteville. Mr. Harlan E. Judd, professor of physical education

SAENGER

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Thrill-Packed

Drama of those

hard-living,

hard-fighting

and hard-loving

men of the

Old West.

—With—

Norma

SHEARER

Robert

MONTGOMERY

—With—

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Robert

MONTGOMERY

VICK-McMATH

A wedding, beautiful in its simplicity, was that of Miss Merle Vick, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. S. C. Vick of Arkadelphia and Sidney McMATH of this city, which was solemnized at the First Baptist church in Arkadelphia at 4:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, with Dr. H. L. Winburn officiating.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was lovely in a model of blue velvet and lace with big accessories. She wore a small hat trimmed with Crocus feathers and carried as arm bouquet of Forget me nots and lilies of the valley.

Her only attendant, was her sister, Miss Ruth Vick, who was becomingly gowned in a coral creation with black accessories and carried Talisman roses and sweet peas.

They were met at the altar by the groom and best man, Brooks Shults of Fulton.

Before the ceremony, Miss Edna Webb sang "At Dawning" and "I Love You Truly." She was accompanied by Miss Lynda Webb, Mrs. H. H. Halliburton played Lohengrin's Processional and Mendelssohn's Recessional. During the ceremony, she played "The Sweetest Story Ever Told."

Maurice Vick, brother of the bride and David Finley, Jr., of St. Louis served as ushers.

The church was lavishly decorated with ferns and smilax. Tall white candles placed at each side of the altar burned softly during the ceremony.

Immediately following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. McMATH left for a wedding trip to Memphis.

After January first, they will be at home to their many friends at 609 North Washington street of this city.

Personal Mention

Du Vall Purkins, owner of the Warren Eagle-Democrat and native of Hope, was a home-town visitor here Thursday and Friday, leaving for Little Rock Saturday.

John Greene and family are among the holiday visitors from Little Rock back in the old home town.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle M. Webb and Mrs. Webb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. McIntosh are spending Friday and Saturday visiting relatives in Monticello.

Lawrence Martin, coach of the championship Greenwood (Ark.) high school football team, is in Hope for the holidays with his parents.

NEWS OF CHURCHES

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
J. L. Cannon, Pastor.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.
Fellowship at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
League meets at 6:45 p. m.
Prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school meets at the usual hour 9:45.

Rev. James F. Brewer Jr., of Little Rock will preach at the morning hour 11 o'clock.

B. Y. P. U. 6:45.

No night preaching services.
Monday at 2 p. m. W. M. S. Mission study at the church. Mrs. Birdie Key, leader.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

W. R. Anderson, D. D., Minister

9:45 a. m. Sunday School meets in departments for the study of the lesson. Be sure to attend Sunday and get a good start for the new year. We have a place for you.

11:00 a. m. Morning worship and sermon. Subject, "Old and New."

7:30 p. m. Evening worship and sermon. Subject, "What is a Christian?"

6:45 p. m. Meeting of the Young People's Society.

7:30 p. m. Wednesday. Prayer meeting.

You are most cordially invited to attend these services.

Texas Shot in Mystery

Attack Dies of Wounds

AUSTIN, (AP)—Lawrence Hanley, 34, died Thursday of a wound inflicted by a bullet fired in the hands of an unknown assailant.

Hanley was shot while riding with a young woman companion last Tuesday night. The bullet struck Hanley shortly after he stopped his automobile and stepped out on a country road. Hanley told Sheriff Coley White that he was able to distinguish only a hazy outline in the moonlight of the person who fired the bullet into his body.

Sad Christmas Over

Blasted Romance Told

LITTLE ROCK.—(AP)—A sad Christmas story, embodying the blasted romance of an elderly couple, is contained in a police report turned in Friday by two Little Rock detectives.

The report: "J. W. Cockrill, who lives with his daughter, Mrs. J. F. McBride, reports to us that a woman named Ellen Williams, aged 36, who has been living at the same address, was in love with him and was going to marry him; so he gave her \$150 in cash and two diamonds to keep for him. The lady left and has not returned, nor has the dough and the rocks come back either."

"Mr. Cockrill is 70 years old."

Great Lakes Port Shows

Tonnage Decline in 1931

DULUTH, Minn.—(AP)—The 1931 navigation season at the Duluth-Superior harbor, the second largest port in point of tonnage handled in America, was the lightest in several years.

Grain shipments totaled approximately 50,000,000 bushels; iron ore shipments 22,000,000 tons and coal receipts about 8,000,000 tons, all considerable decreases over previous seasons.

AT THE THEATER

SUNDAY-MONDAY



NORMA SHEARER

ROBT. MONTGOMERY

—In—

"PRIVATE LIVES"

Twenty years ago, a bankrupt, today, the most widely popular author in America; 12,000,000 copies of his novels in circulation; master of a great fortune, owner of broad acres and sumptuous homes; his name a household word wherever books are read!

That is a short history of Zane Grey, the undisputed monarch of all writers of Western stories, past or present, whose famous romance, "Riders of The Purple Sage," filmed by Fox with George O'Brien featured, will be shown to patrons of the Saenger Theatre (Saturday) today.

Zane Grey in his early career, went through the customary experiences

E. Arnett Recovering

From Auto Accident

Edgar Arnett, son of Mrs. Ida Arnett, this city, is recovering from what was first believed to be a serious injury sustained in an automobile accident near Oklahoma City recently, it was learned here Friday. Mr. Arnett, a sophomore in the University of Oklahoma at Norman, was driving from Oklahoma City to the University when the car in which he was a passenger was forced into the ditch by a truck. He sustained a head wound which required eight stitches to close.

False Representations

Not Annulment Grounds

CHICAGO.—(AP)—Circuit Judge Daniel P. Trude ruled Thursday that Parke E. Simmons' allegations of having been tricked into marriage through false representations of motherhood did not constitute grounds for annulment.

Simmons, a 73-year-old retired lawyer of Evanston, Ill., married Mrs. Mary De Diemer Wright, 74, of Chicago, widow of a New Haven, Conn., manufacturer, last January 12. She told him after several clandestine meetings, according to his testimony, that she was about to become a mother.

Acres of Wheat Sown

in Texas Shows Slump

AUSTIN, Texas.—(AP)—The Texas acreage of wheat sown this fall is one per cent lower than the acreage sown last fall, but still is higher than the acreage sown in 1929 and previous years, the federal-state crop and livestock reporting service revealed on Thursday.

Acreage sown this fall was estimated at 3,788,000 acres, compared with 3,856,000 acres in the fall of 1930, 3,608,000 acres in 1929 and 3,194,000 in 1928.

The condition of winter wheat on December 1, 1931, was 83 per cent of normal, compared with 88 per cent last year and 80 per cent the 10-year average. Prior to October, conditions were unfavorable for preparation, sowing and growth, but conditions since October have been very favorable, the report stated.

Denial of Clemency

for Mooney Forecast

SAN FRANCISCO.—(AP)—The Tom Mooney maulers' defense committee Friday had made public an appeal for funds signed by Thomas J. Mooney, convicted bomber of the 1916 San Francisco Preparedness Day parade, predicting his appeal to Governor James Rolph, Jr., for a pardon would be denied and asking his sympathizers to continue their fight in his behalf.

The statement criticized the announcement of Governor Rolph that several months would be required to go over the mass of evidence in the case and render a decision.

Self Defense Pleaded

by Arkansan in Death

MARION, Ark.—(AP)—Warner Smith, 40-year-old Memphis lumberman; was held in jail here Thursday night killed James T. Lambuth, 24, electrical engineer of Chicago, Thursday afternoon five miles north of Clarksdale, Ark.

Sheriff Howard Curdin quoted Smith as saying he shot in self defense. The story of the shooting was told to Sheriff Curdin by Lon Bateman, a friend of Lambuth's who witnessed it.

Muskogee Policeman

and Another Man Shot

MUSKOGEE, Okla.—(AP)—Claude Wood, Muskogee policeman, and a man identified as Nathan Rightskel, 23, Carbon, Ind., were wounded perhaps fatally, in a gun fight here Thursday night.

Walter Pitts, an officer who accompanied Wood to the scene of a robbery, said Wood was shot as he alighted from a police car to question Rightskel and his companion fired at Wood. Wood returned the fire, Pitts said, three bullets from his pistol wounding Rightskel.

Physicians held little hope for recovery of either Wood or Rightskel.

Murray Is Defiant as

'Firebells' Defeated

OKLAHOMA CITY.—(AP)—Defiant after defeat of his "firebells" measures at the polls last week, Governor W. H. Murray Friday had notified opponents he would attempt to name his successor and his choice for all other state and congressional offices.

"I shall not be satisfied with one victory or anything short of an overwhelming, complete victory," Murray said.

Mad Elephant Is Subdued Friday

Wrecked the Building in Which He Was to Be Kept for Winter

PORTLAND, Ore.—(AP)—Tusko, Portland's mad elephant, went on a rampage here Friday, wrecking the building which has been his winter quarters, and all but escaped before several workmen and handlers fettered him with steel cable and chain. Dozens of police kept rifles trained upon him.

The six-ton beast wrenched his front feet loose from the heavy steel chain which bound him and hurled his bulk against a wall of the building, sending timbers flying and smashing the wall. He then proceeded with thoroughness to demolish that side of the structure and pushed through to the out of doors.

Trickery was employed in recapturing the animal while thousands of persons looked on. Steel cables were fastened into nooses, one end attached to heavy trucks. Hay was spread over the noose and Tusko was persuaded to step into them. The trucks were started and the animal found himself fettered once more.

In spite of his rather pedestrian start as a dentist, Grey has lived the adventurous life in the open he writes about with such unique power and vividness. He has hunted, trailed and ridden all over the West, roped mountain lions with his friends and preceptor, Jones, and qualifies as a catcher par excellence of swordfish and other deep water tigers.

In "Riders of The Purple Sage" Marguerite Churchill plays the feminine lead, Noah Berry is the villain-in-chief, and Yvonne Pelletier, James Todd, Stanley Fields, Lester Dorr, Frank McGlynn, Jr., and Little Shirley Nails are in the cast.

Hamilton, MacFadden directed the picture among the Arizona canyons of the original novel.

Five Persons Die

in Hotel Blaze

Several Others Who Had Occupied Hotel Are Reported Missing

SPRINGFIELD, Mass.—(AP)—At least five persons died early Saturday in a fire that swept the five-story New Court Hotel.

Only 30 of 48 occupants had been accounted for. Police expressed an opinion that others had lost their lives.

E. Shiver Operated

on For Appendicitis

Ernest Shiver, member of the plumbing firm of Shiver & Shiver, is in Julia Chester hospital recovering from a serious operation for appendicitis. He was rushed to the hospital Thursday when physicians found that his appendix had burst. His condition was regarded as critical Friday, but he was reported much improved Saturday.



The three Democratic senators who selected their party's 1932 campaign slogan of "Hee Haw! We're coming back" from thousands submitted in a prize contest are shown here. They are, left to right: Royal S. Copeland of New York, Morris Sheppard of Texas and C. C. Dill of Washington. The Stubbins of Robstown, Texas, submitted the winning slogan for which they received \$100.

G. O. P. Chief Quits Navy Post In Georgia In New Orleans



J. W. Arnold, Athens, Ga., lawyer,

shown here, is the first white man elected national committeeman from his native state in nearly 20 years.

The dragon fly is able to fly backwards at the same speed as forwards.



Rear Admiral Thomas Pickett,

shown above, has retired to private life after 46 eventful years in Uncle Sam's navy. His retirement came at New Orleans, where he has been commander for two years of the native Mississippians, he has been in New Orleans his home.

THREE KINDS OF LOVE

BY KAY CLEAVER STRAHAN

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BEGIN HERE TODAY ANNE, CECILY AND MARY-FRANCES FENWICK live with their grandparents, once wealthy, now so impoverished that Anne's and Cecily's earnings support the household. The sisters have been orphaned since childhood. The grandparents are known respectively as VIOLET and GEORGE and they insist on keeping up pretenses of their former wealth.

Anne, 23, and Cecily, 22, do secretarial work and Mary-Frances, 15, is still in school. When the story opens Anne has been engaged to PHILIP ECHOYD, young lawyer, for eight years. They can not marry because Anne knows her sisters and grandparents depend on her to manage their home.

Cecily, being HARRY McKEL, comes to dinner with her. She is falling in love with him. Mary-Frances and her friend, ERMIN TRUDE, are excited about the arrival of a stock company actor known as EARL DE ARMOUNT. They meet him on the street and he speaks to them. Mary-Frances is thrilled, agrees to meet him that night after the performance.

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Sez Hugh:

GIRLS ARE OFTEN JUDGED BY THE COMPANY THEY KEEP. TOO LATE!



SIDE GLANCES

Boy Plans

WHEN THERE IS THE GUY WHO CAN MAKE HIS WIFE DO ANYTHING SHE WANTS.



LUTA HOKUM
I DON'T MIND CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM!
THANKS TO LUTA DELANOS, OLA (WILL COUNTY), ARK.

By George Clark

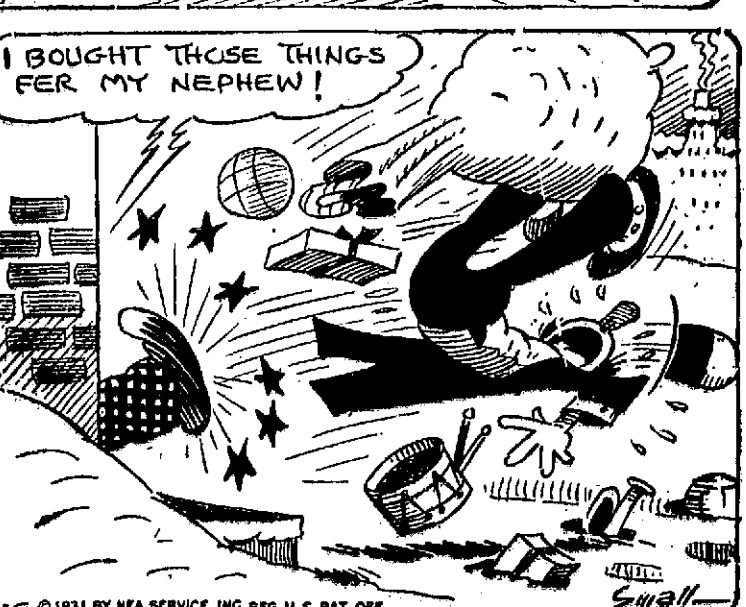
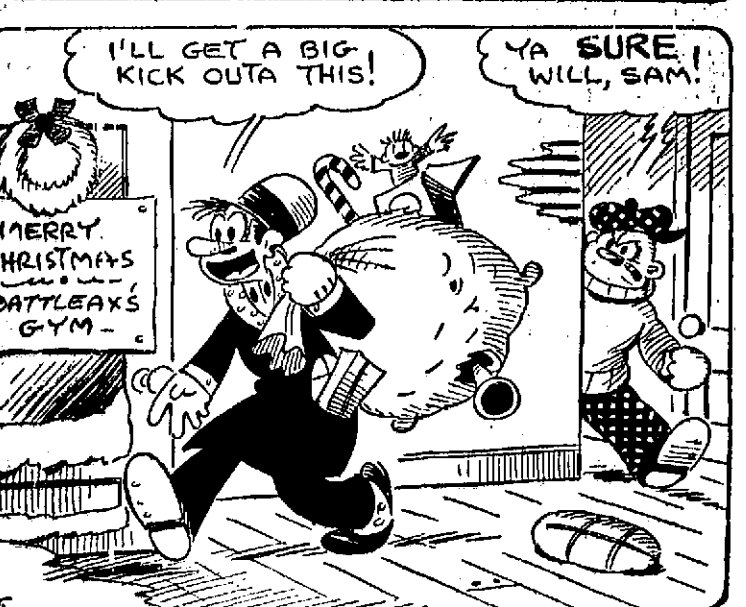
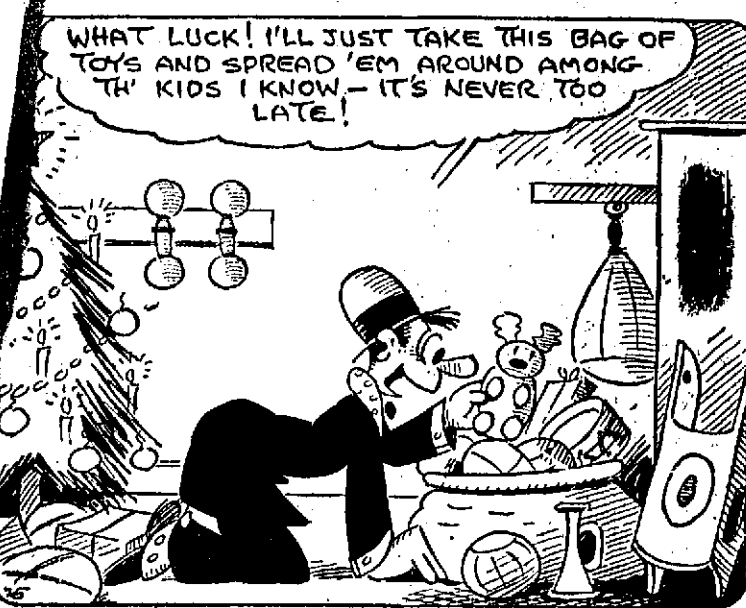


"Do you mind if Jimmy comes in to look? He doesn't even know what a Christmas tree is."

SALESMAN SAM

By Small

He Got It!



OUR BOARDING HOUSE

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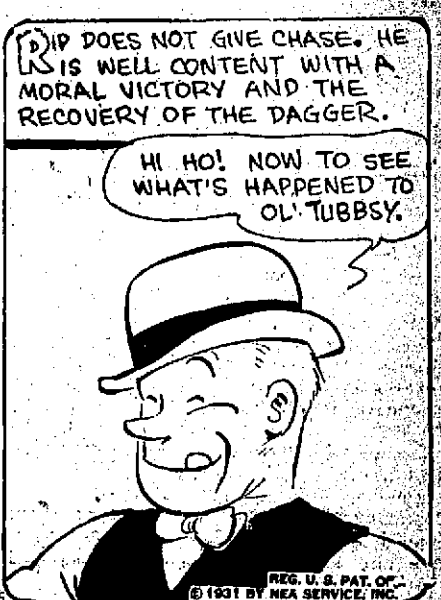
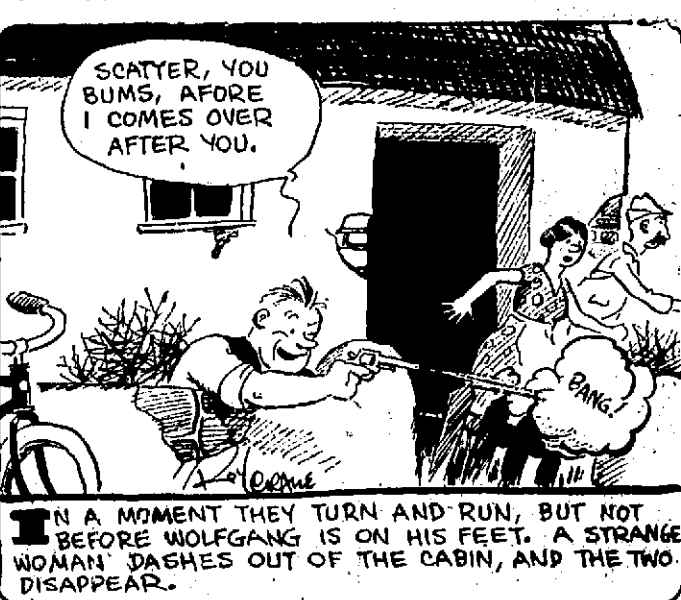
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WASH TUBBS

Rip Goes Into Action!

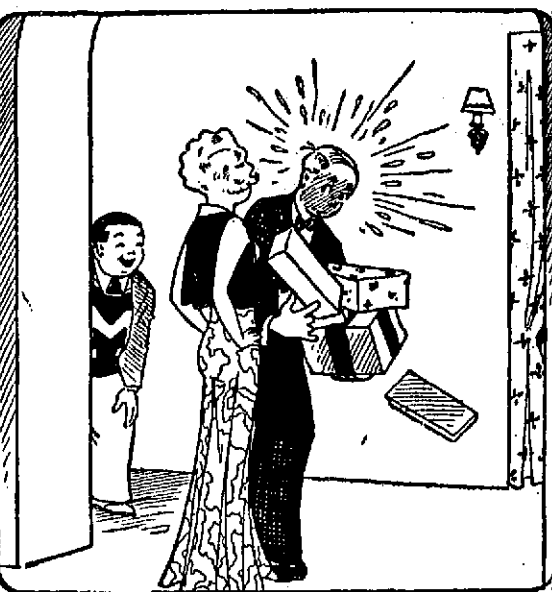
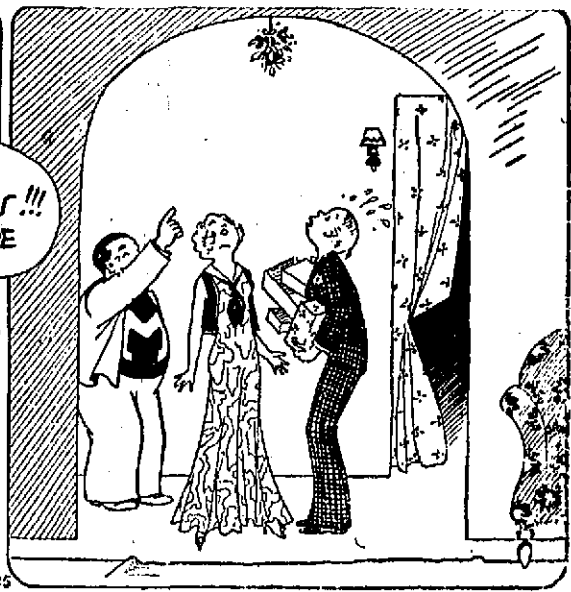
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BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

Cold Feet

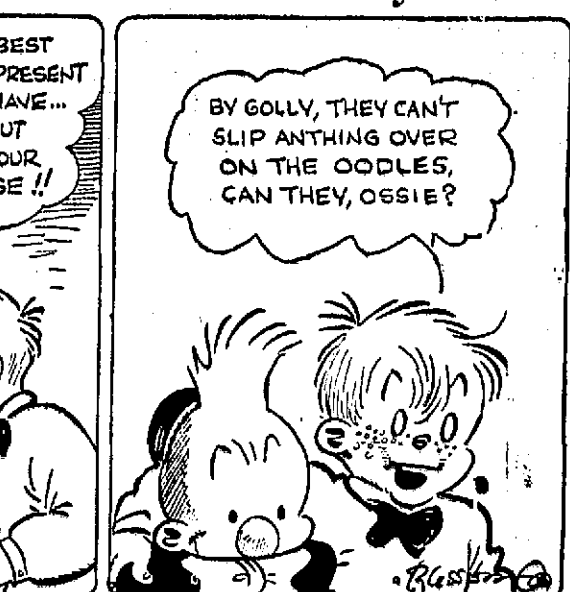
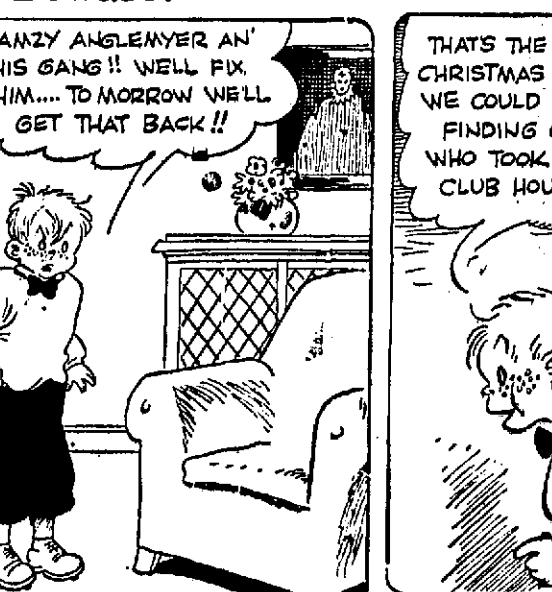
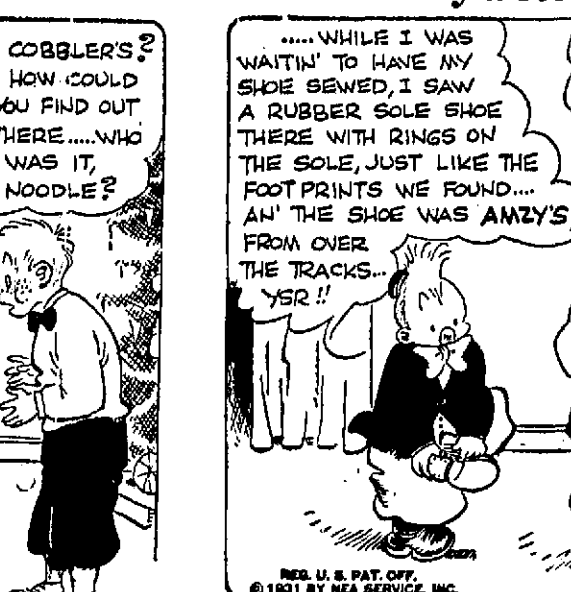
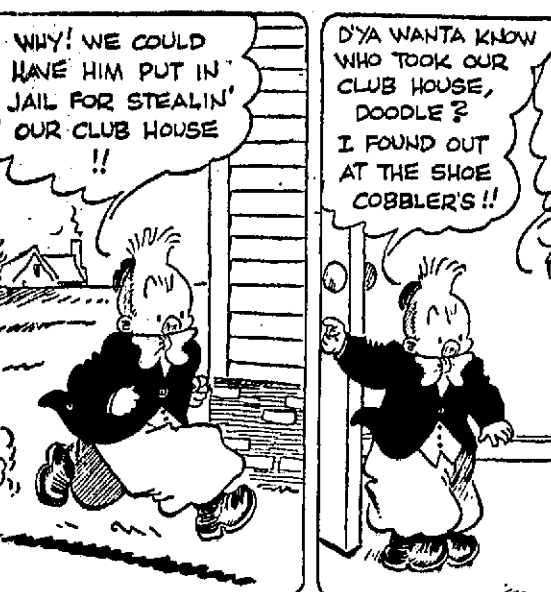
By Martin



FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

Amzy Better Beware!

By Blosser



THE NEWFANGLES (Mbm'n Pop)

Two of a Kind!

By Cowan



SEZ HUGH

WIVES WHO ARE ALWAYS LATE WITH
SUFFER KEEP THE HOME SHOES
BURNING!



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IT'S ALWAYS EASY TO
...DETECT A CHEAP SKATE...



SIDE GLANCES

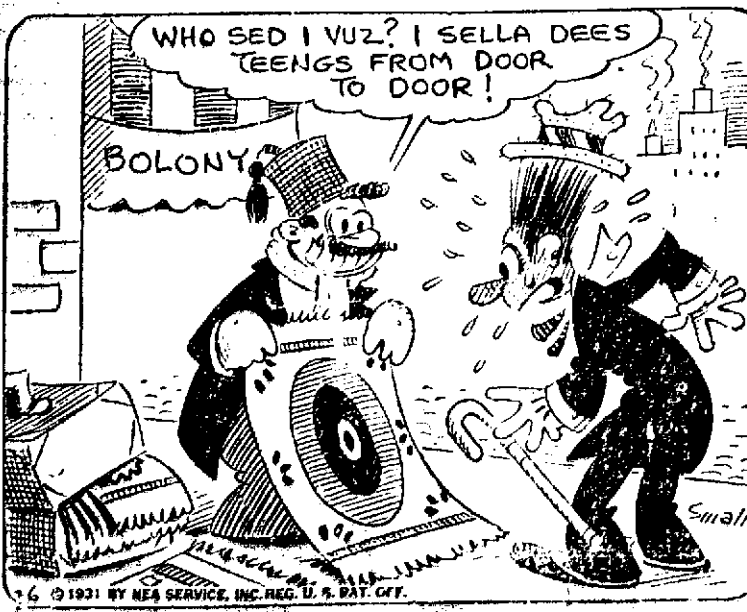
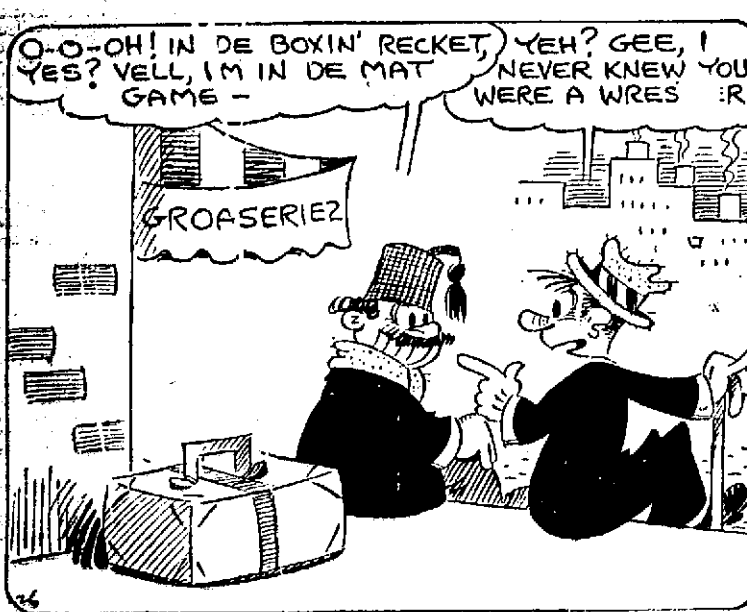
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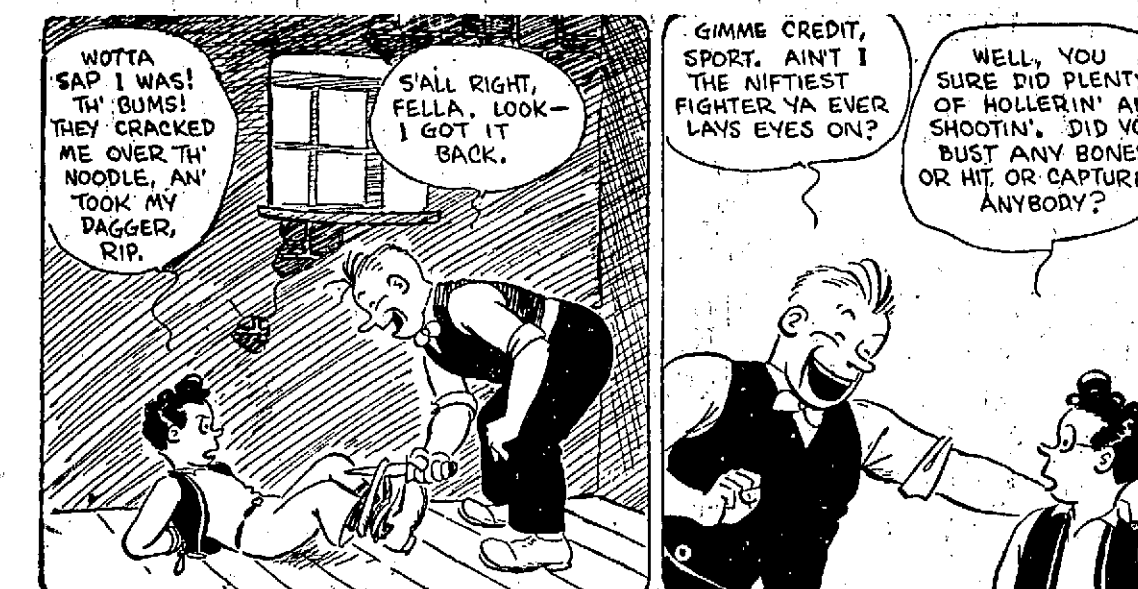
He Knows His Game!



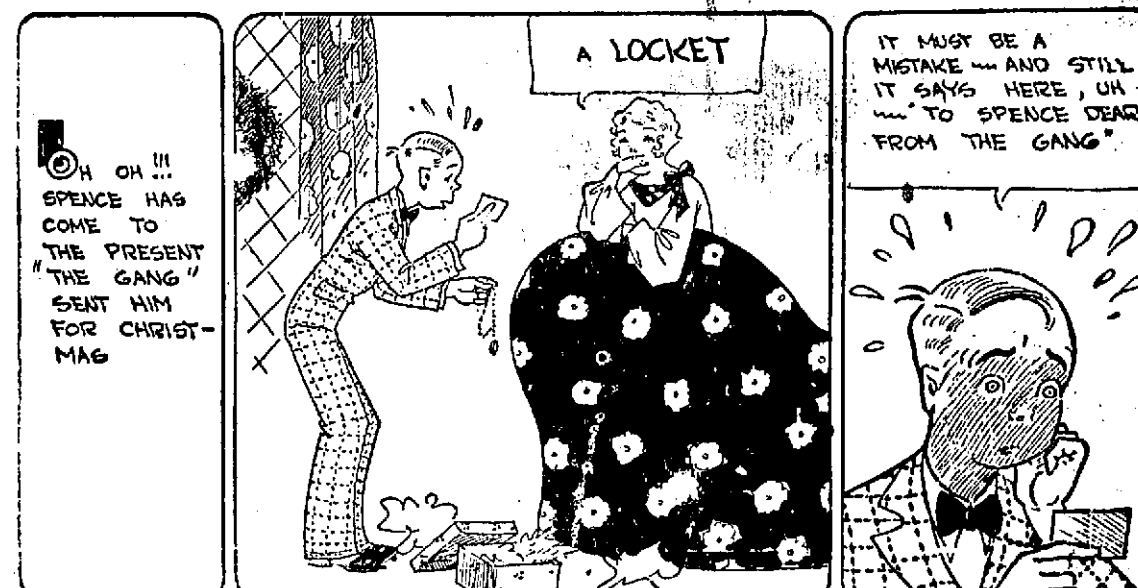
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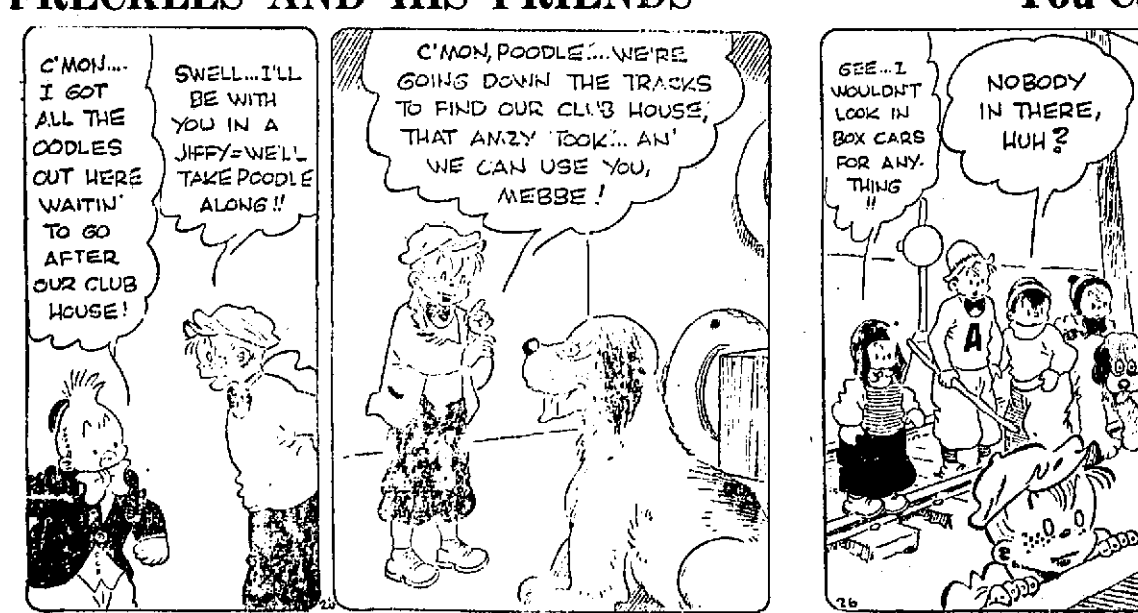
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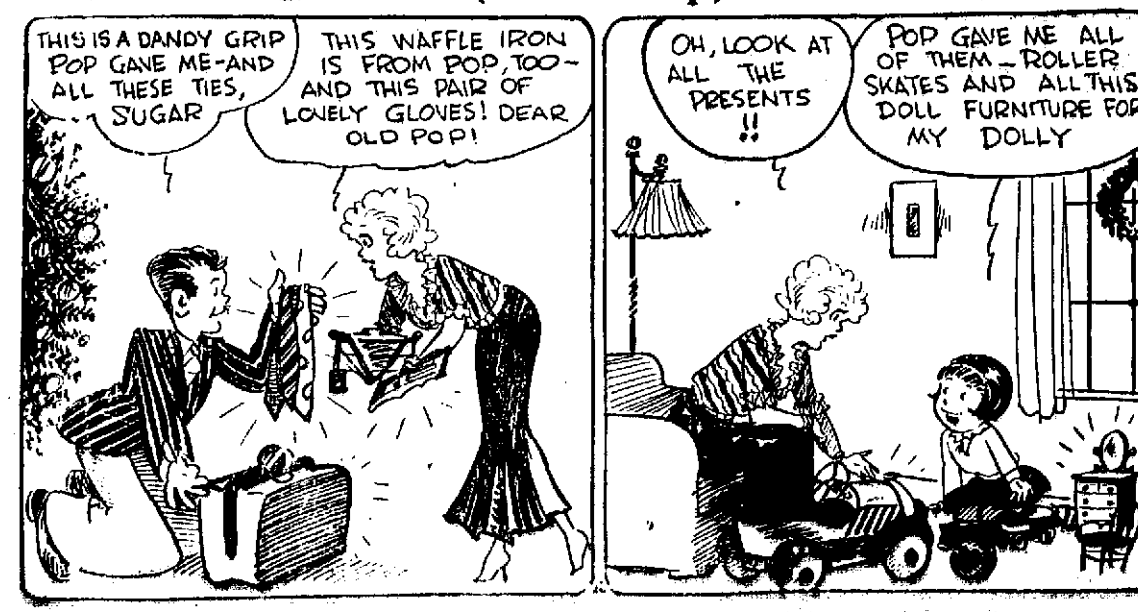
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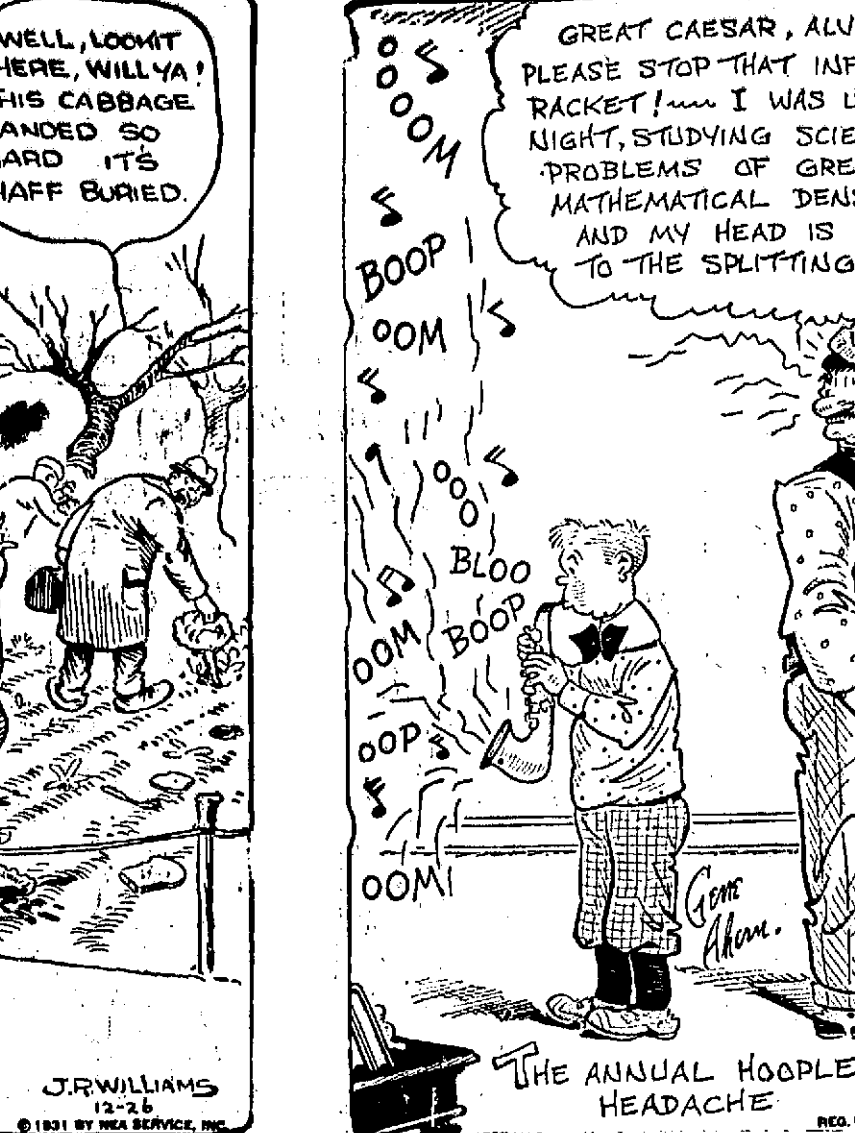
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THE NEWFANGLES (Mom'n Pop)



OUR BOARDING HOUSE



Bearing Down!



Huh!



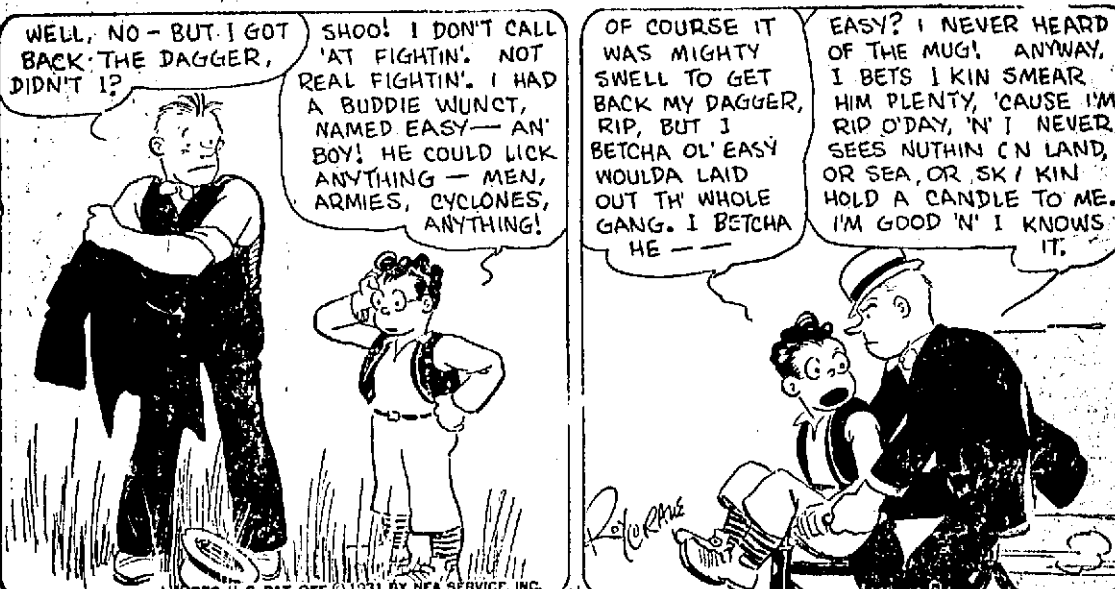
You Can't Stop Rip!



Looking Them Over!



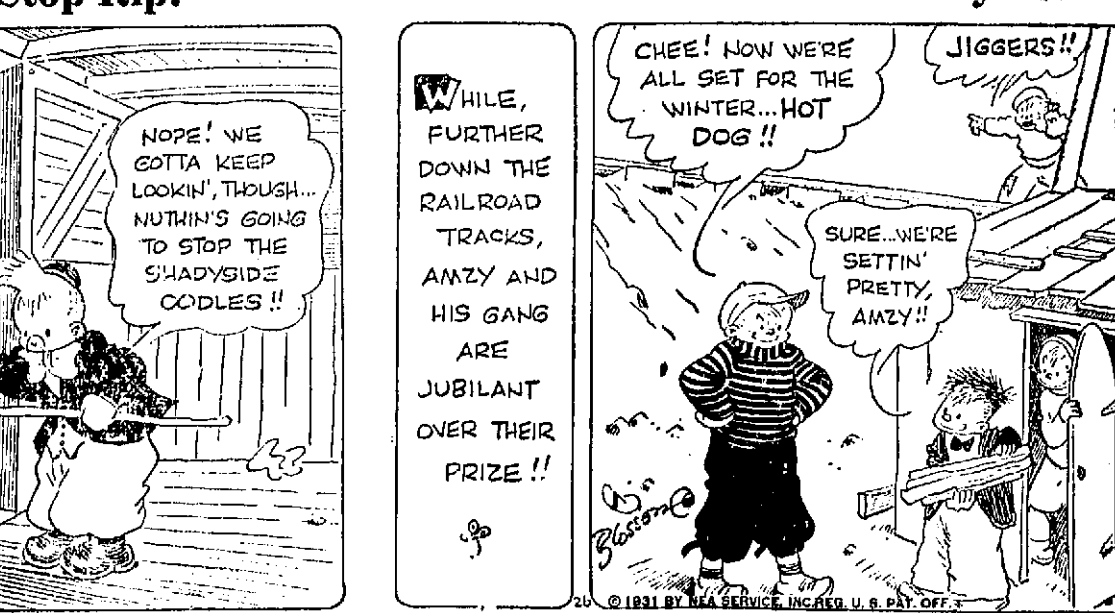
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